

House Bill 349 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend an Act creating the State Court of Colquitt County (originally the City Court of Colquitt County and established as the Civil and Criminal Court of Colquitt County by Ga. L. 1968, p. 2139), approved August 7, 1931 (Ga. L. 1931, p. 293), as amended, so as to prohibit the judge of such court from engaging in the practice of law; to provide for the compensation of such judge; to provide for construction and for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

An Act creating the State Court of Colquitt County (originally the City Court of Colquitt County and established as the Civil and Criminal Court of Colquitt County by Ga. L. 1968, p. 2139), approved August 7, 1931 (Ga. L. 1931, p. 293), as amended, is amended by adding a new section as follows:

**"SECTION 10A.**

(a) The position of judge of the State Court of Colquitt County shall be a full-time position and, as provided in subsection (b) of Code Section 15-7-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the full-time judge of the state court shall not engage in the private practice of law.

(b) The judge of said court shall receive an annual salary equal to 70 percent of the gross salary as defined in subsection (c) of this section which shall be payable out of the funds of Colquitt County at the same intervals as installments are paid to other county employees.

(c) For the purposes of subsection (b) of this section, the term 'gross salary' shall mean the annual salary received by a superior court judge of the Southern Judicial Circuit, from state funds only, effective July 1, 2007, plus any increases in said annual salary for superior court judges, from state funds only, on or after July 1, 2007.

(d) Pursuant to Code Section 15-7-22 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the governing authority of Colquitt County is authorized to supplement the compensation established by subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

(e) The provisions of this section shall supersede and control over any other provisions to the contrary, including, but not limited to, Section 10 of this Act and Section 3 of an Act approved April 4, 1979 (Ga. L. 1979, p. 3191)."

## **SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2007.

## **SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.